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FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A PRESS
RELEASE ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY ON APRIL 27, REGARDING THE NEW
ENERGY RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR 1977 - 1980:

BEGIN TRANSLATION: THE FEDERAL CABINET HAS TODAY
PASSED THE NEW PROGRAM ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND TECH-
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NOLOGIES, COVERING THE PERIOD 1977 TO 1980.

AS FEDERAL RESEARCH MINISTER HANS MATTHOEFER ANNOUNCED
TO THE PRESS ON APRIL 27, 1977, THIS PROGRAM FOR THE
FIRST TIME PRESENTS AN OVERALL CONCEPT COVERING ALL
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE OF
IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE ENERGY SUPPLY OF OUR COUNTRY.

TO AN INCREASING EXTENT NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH IS GAINING EMPHASIS. WHILE PRIOR TO 1973 FEDERAL FUNDS WERE MADE AVAILABLE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, THE RATIO OF NON-NUCLEAR TO NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH WILL BE SHIFTING IN FAVOR OF NON-NUCLEAR RESEARCH WITHIN THE COMING YEARS. THIS RATIO (NUCLEAR : NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH) WAS 45.2 : 1 IN 1973, 4.3 : 1 IN 1976, AND WILL BE 2.7 : 1 BY 1980.

AS MINISTER MATTHOEFER FURTHER POINTED OUT, THE PROGRAM REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH POLICY OF THE LAST FEW YEARS, IT IS DIRECTED AND ITS MEASURES ARE ORIENTED SPECIFICALLY TO THE SITUATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THIS INVOLVES, FOR INSTANCE, INCREASED EMPHASIS ON THE FIELD OF LOW-TEMPERATURE HEAT SUPPLY - THE LARGEST AND MOST WASTE-INTENSIVE SECTOR OF ENERGY NEED - THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN AND RATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THIS FIELD, SUCH AS COUPLED HEAT-POWER SYSTEMS, HEAT PUMPS, AND SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS. BEYOND THAT, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ORIENTED TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES SUITABLE FOR ENERGY SUPPLY AND NEEDS OF THE "THIRD WORLD". END TRANSLATION.

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